

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS**

**E.E.R.**—It is not our sphere to give medical advice. The safer course is to consult a medical man.

**BIRTHS**

**MACDONALD.**—On February 8, 1917, at Nurse Mathieson's, Royal terrace, to Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Macdonald—a son.

**METCALFE.**—On February 18, 1917, at their residence, 87 Main road, North-East Valley, Dunedin, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Metcalfe—a son.

**DEATH**

**CULLINANE.**—On January 27, 1917, at Wellington, Mary (Minnie), widow of Thomas Cullinane, mother of T. W. Cullinane, Palmerston North; sister of Mrs. D. McCarthy, Princes street, Devonport, and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Police Station, Temuka. (Interred at Waikumete, Auckland). Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**FOR THE EMPIRE'S CAUSE**

**HOBBS.**—On December 10, 1916 (in France), Private Charles Vivian, dearly beloved and only son of Stephen and Alice Hobbs, of Hamua; aged 23 years.—R.I.P.

His duty done.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**SHERRIFFS.**—In loving memory of Julia, beloved daughter of Mrs. Brick, Christchurch, who died on March 1, 1912.

On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

Please address Correspondence on Editorial Matters to 'The Editor.' On all other business to 'The Manager.'

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**MESSAGE OF POPE LEO XIII. TO THE N.Z. TABLET.**

*Pergant Directores et Scriptores New Zealand Tablet, Apostolica benedictione confortati, Religionis et Justitiæ causam promovere per vias Veritatis et Pacis.*

*Die 4 Aprilis, 1900.*

**LEO XIII., P.M.**

**TRANSLATION.**—Fortified by the Apostolic Blessing let the Directors and Writers of the New Zealand Tablet continue to promote the cause of Religion and Justice by the ways of Truth and Peace.

*April 4, 1900.*

**LEO XIII., Pope.**



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1917.

**ABOVE OUR COUNTRY**



**N**EARER to the heart than love of our own is the love of country, which is the root of patriotism. Every normal man is a patriot. The higher and truer the civilisation of a nation the more ardently will its children love their land. This noble passion is begotten of race and nationality, cherished by all the story of the past and exalted by our own memories and perceptions until it becomes a sentiment of profound depth and exalted sublimity. In it are clasped the traditions of our own family, the dreams of our youth, the hopes of our manhood. No other human passion has so little of self in it; none can attain to such heights of sacrifice. The Spartan hymn, 'What you were we are, what you are we will be,' is its simplest expression. As the tree Igdrasie of Scandinavian mythology has its roots buried in the earth and its branches hidden in the clouds, so patriotism reaches from the immemorial past to the unknown future. The national idea, says Renan, is enthroned on a heroic past, on the great men who went before, and on imperishable glory. 'Our country,' wrote Lamennais, 'is our common mother, the unity in which individuals are emerged and fused; it is the

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